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Host-making at Benedictine convent

Sisters rise early to bake Lord's bread

By Sally Arguilez

SAN DIEGO—Baking the Lord's bread begins at dawn. Machines are already in motion at five in the morning as the sisters of the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration set about their daily task of making hosts.

The hosts begin as a thin, pancake-like batter mix from water and flour (white or whole wheat).

Yeast is not used because it would make the bread leavened, said Sister Mary Annette Leonard, who often takes school children through a tour of the convent and the host-making process.

"THE REASON for the unleavened bread is that it is what Jewish people used at Passover. Traditionally, unleavened bread has been used," she said.

She explained that the bakers or stoves (which resemble large waffle irons) operate by air compression. The upper plates are engraved with various designs.

The batter, once poured onto the hot griddles, bakes from 85 to 100 seconds depending on the batter. The baked sheets of flour are then placed in piles of 12 and wrapped in cloths.

"LATER THESE are placed in a humidifier so that we can cut the circle wafers. If we tried to cut them right after baking we couldn't. They are too brittle," said Sister Annette.

The wafer sheets remain in the humidifier machines overnight and are cut in the morning. The convent recently acquired multiple cutting machines which cut 70 small hosts with one press of a pedal; however, the priests' large hosts must still be done individually.

The small hosts fall into a tray beneath the cutter and are packaged in plastic bags.

"THE SISTERS sort the breads and look them over to find broken breads. If the one cutting doesn't push the large sheet into the cutter properly we get half moon or non-circle wafers," said Sister Annette.

She said the checked breads are then put into new plastic bags and sealed for freshness. Sacks of 500 or 1,000 hosts are boxed and mailed to other convents throughout the country and Air Force and Navy bases. The sisters also supply various Christian denominations including Lutheran, Methodist and Episcopal churches with the breads.

Each host has a design which is pressed into the wafer sheet by the upper plates of the stove, Sister Annette said.

"THESE ARE the fish with the basket of bread symbol, a cross with the Greek letters alpha and omega, I-H-S, and three circles in a large circle," she said.

The first design, she added, has always been the symbol of the Eucharist, referring to John 6 when Jesus multiplied the loaves of bread, while the second design of the Greek letters signify that Jesus is the beginning and the end. I-H-S are the first Greek letters of the name of Jesus and the circles denote the Holy Trinity.

The making of altar breads is the main means of support for the convent, which was established in 1954, said the sister.

"IT IS THE MEANS we use to carry on a more basic work—the reason for our existence as Christian community—the work of prayer and Christian fellowship," she said.







BAKING BREAD—Sister Margaret Mary Vielinski cuts 70 hosts with one press of the pedal with a multiple cutter at the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, San Diego. Bottom left, Sister Mary Elizabeth Crone pours the batter onto the hot stove of which the upper half is engraved with one of four designs. Bottom right, Sister Mary Annette Leonard presses out larger hosts for priests. (Staff photos by Sally Arguilez)

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FEWER HOLY DAYS—Four of the six holy days of obligation currently being observed in the United States would be dropped under a proposal being studied by the U.S. bishops. The proposal, developed by the bishops' Committee on the Liturgy and mailed to the American bishops in mid-May, would retain only Christmas and the feast of the Immaculate Conception as holy days of obligation.

PAPER DEFIES IRS—Today's Catholic, the archdiocesan newspaper of San Antonio, has strongly denounced and openly defied Internal Revenue Service regulations which prohibit tax-exempt, non-profit organizations from working on behalf of, or in opposition to, candidates for public office. The newspaper gave its opinion of the abortion positions of various candidates for the presidency and Congress.

MISSIONARY'S ARREST SOUGHT—Chile's military authorities have issued a warrant for the arrest of Father Theodore Klomberg, a Dutch missionary, and said the priest had helped a banned movement to distribute pamphlets and plans for guerrilla operations. The warrant was announced after church-state tensions over labor issues and the arrest and interrogation of 11 members of the banned group.

MORE REFUGEE FUNDS NEEDED—The U.S. bishops have been asked by their president, Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco, to hold special collections in their dioceses for the resettlement of Haitian and Cuban refugees. He told them, "the continuing large scale influx of Cuban and Haitian refugees into the United States presents a critical challenge to the generosity of the church in the United States."

LITURGICAL 'ABUSES' CITED—Cardinal G. Emmett Carter of Toronto has warned archdiocesan clergy against "certain abuses...creeping into our liturgical celebrations." He reminded priests that only a priest or a deacon can deliver the homily at Mass and that priests or deacons should distribute Communion.

PEACE PRAYERS URGED—As papal mediation continues in the territorial dispute between Argentina and Chile, the bishops of the two nations are calling for renewed prayers for peace as new political frictions develop. The bishops released a joint statement calling for rallies by Catholics on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 8.

SEX EDUCATION CRITICIZED—Proposals to provide sex education in public schools or programs for doing so have drawn comment and criticism in California, Hawaii and New Jersey from Catholic bishops concerned about *including moral guidance in such programs and allowing parents to participate in designing them.*

CAMPAIGN NETS $3.6 MILLION—The Sharelife fundraising campaign has collected more than $3.6 million, exceeding the amount raised last year, announced Cardinal G. Emmett Carter of Toronto. Success of the drive which will aid Catholic organizations is one of the "encouraging signs of the time," he said.

KKK WARNING SOUNDED—Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher and the Priests' Senate of the Lafayette-in-Indiana diocese have warned Catholics against membership in the Ku Klux Klan and other "explicitly racist organizations." The bishop and priests said they were aware of explicit efforts to recruit Catholics "to join the forces of overt racism."



POPE MEETS ANGLICAN PRIMATE—While in Africa, Pope John Paul II met with Anglican Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury for about an hour in the home of Archbishop Dominic Kodwo Andoh of Accra. According to an Italian newspaper in Rome, the pope will "almost certainly" visit London next year.

REFUGEE HOUSING URGENT—Lack of housing is the most serious problem south Florida faces in the wake of the flood of Cuban refugees, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy told the Senate Judiciary Committee. He called for federal efforts in public housing to ease the problem.

NCC'S ISRAELI REPORT HIT—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in New York has criticized the report of the National Council of Churches Middle East panel as a "naive misreading" of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The NCC report termed the Camp David Accords flawed for failing to acknowledge the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

JOINT APPEAL ISSUED—Catholics and Anglicans in London have been asked to support voluntary projects for the homeless. Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster and Anglican Bishop Gerald Ellison of London jointly appealed for Catholic and Anglican assistance. The cooperation is an outgrowth of Catholic-Anglican meetings.

REDS TO HONOR LUTHER—East Germany is planning a year of celebrations in 1983 to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. It plans to resore a number of buildings connected with Luther, founder of the Lutheran Church and the instrumental figure of the Reformation.

CONGRESS OKAYS STAMPS—Congress has given final approval to an emergency appropriation for food stamps, a measure strongly favored by church groups, including the U.S. Catholic Conference.

PRO-LIFE PAPER PUBLISHED—The Human Life Center at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., has published the first issue of a new monthly newspaper, Family Life News. The 12-page, four-column tabloid-size paper with sharply reproduced photographs included news and feature stories. One recounted the meeting at the Vatican of Pope John Paul II and Benedictine Father Paul Marx, the center's founder and president and associate publisher of the newspaper.

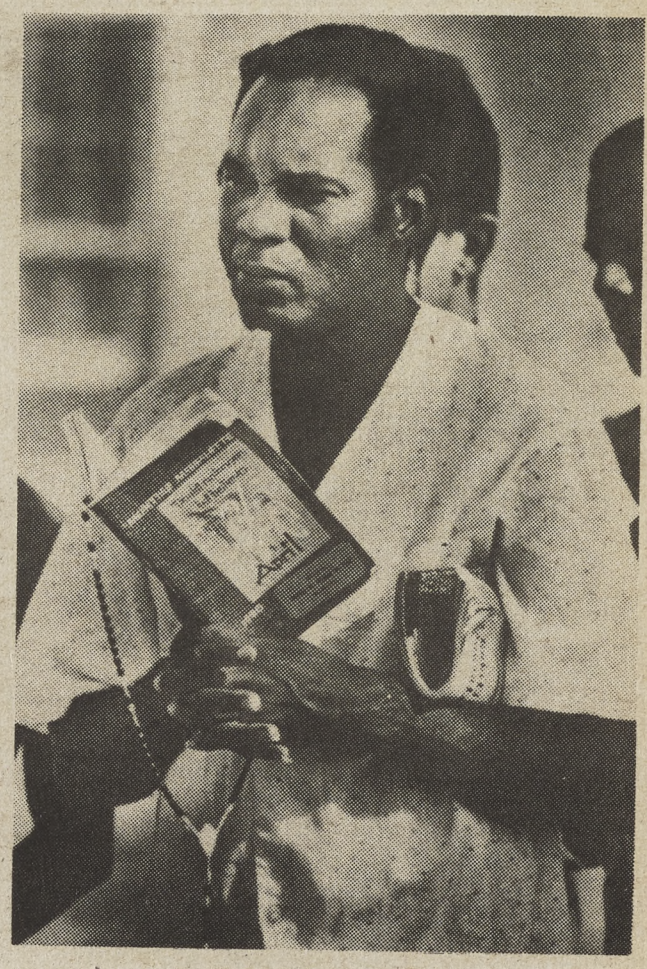
KNIGHTS GIVE $10,000 FOR REFUGEES—The Knights of Columbus pledged $10,000 to Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami to help him provide pastoral care for thousands of Cuban refugees entering his area. The Catholic men's group acted after learning that many of the refugees had not been able to attend Mass for many years in Cuba for fear of reprisals.

494.4 MILLION SCRIPTURES—The American Bible Society, together with its 63 partner organizations in the United Bible Societies, distributed nearly a half-billion Scriptures in 1979. This figure—494.4 million—includes more than nine million complete Bibles and more than 12 million New Testaments. The remaining Scriptures were in the form of portions and selections, including large numbers of Scriptures especially translated for people just learning to read.

PRIESTS TOLD 'LEAVE GOVERNMENT'—Nicaragua's Catholic bishops told priests in government positions to *relinquish their posts to laymen now that the post-civil war* emergency is over. Without naming them, the statement refers to such clergymen as the foreign minister, Maryknoll Father Miguel D'Escoto; Father Ernesto Cardenal, cultural minister; and his brother, Jesuit Father Fernando Cardenal, director of the National Literacy Crusade.

ACQUITTAL WAS 'LAST STRAW'—The acquittal of four white policemen charged with beating to death a black man was "the last straw" that set off the black community and led to devastating riots in Miami, Gerard E. Sherry, former editor of The Voice, archdiocesan newspaper in Miami, has observed. Sherry wrote that Miami blacks' frustrations reached the breaking point with the acquittal.

NEW EDUCATION BULLETIN—The first issue of Catechetics on the Move, a new bulletin for directors of religious education and parish coordinators, to be published 10 times a year by Twenty-Third Publications in Mystic, Conn., is scheduled to appear in August. The new bulletin will include suggestions for recruiting teachers, for workshops and for organizing family education programs.



MOMENTS OF PRAYER— A Cuban refugee prays during Mass at Fort Chaffee, Ark., where about 2,000 refugees are arriving daily. The U.S. Catholic Conference is assisting in the resettlement effort.

People

Father John C. Nienstedt, secretary to Cardinal John Dearden of Detroit, was named to the Vatican Secretariat of State effective August 1.

Jesuit Father Thurston N. Davis, former editor of America magazine, New York, received the Catholic Press Association's 1980 St. Francis de Sales Award.

Ralph Wendell Burhoe, a Chicago theologian, was awarded this year's Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion because of his writings aimed at uniting religion and science.

James M. Shea, editor of the Catholic Telegraph in Cincinnati since 1965, will retire October 1.

Father Robert L. McCreary, spiritual director at Borromeo College in Wickliffe, Ohio, was elected minister provincial of the Capuchin Order's St. Augustine Province.

Louis G. Aguirre, of the editorial staff of the Clarion Herald in New Orleans, has become editor and general manager of the Bayou Catholic, new weekly of Houma, La.

Jesuit Father Roger Heckel, secretary of the Pontifical Justice and Peace Commission, was named coadjutor bishop of Strasbourg, France, with the right of succession.

Bishop Joseph W. Regan of Tagum, the Philippines, U.S.-born Maryknoll missionary, has retired at the age of 75.

Benedictine Father Paul Marx, founder and executive director of the Human Life Center in Collegeville, Minn., was appointed its president.

Dateline Vatican City

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—A 60-year-old Polish pope and a 60-year-old Roman parish merged birthday celebrations May 18, crowning the party with a 231-pound birthday cake. Pope John Paul II, born May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, visited the Sacred Heart of Christ the King Church, whose cornerstone was laid on the same day the pope was born.

A huge birthday cake was shaped like Christ the King Church and bore the seal and motto of the pope. A highlight of the more than four-hour visit was an outdoor Mass during which the pope noted the links between his birth and the birth of the parish and related both to the "mystery of the birth of God."

CHURCH COMMITTED TO MISSIONS—"A generous missionary commitment is the surest sign of a church that is not standing still," the pope told national pontifical missionary works directors gathered in Rome. Stressing the importance of foreign missionary activity in the church, the pope said:

"This does not smack of importation, but rather a simple, mature sharing of a patrimony of faith, which unites us in equal brotherhood." He called missionary commitment the sign of a church "open to new horizons of growth, not only in the extension of its boundaries, but also in the interior intensity of its faith and love."

PILGRIMS TWICE BLESSED—During his weekly audience May 14, the pope expressed thanks for his African trip and exchanged greetings with Syrian Orthodox Patriarch Mar Ignatius Yacoub III of Antioch. The patriarch joined the pope for the final blessing of the crowd.

YOUTHS JOIN CELEBRATION—More than 50,000 young people from nearly 100 countries concluded a two-day meeting in Rome May 18 by joining Pope John Paul at a birthday Mass. The youths offered the 60-year-old pontiff birthday greetings in many languages.

In his homily at the morning Mass in St. Peter's Square, the pope praised the youth convention's theme: "For a United World." He told them, "It is necessary to build a united world, fighting against those ideologies which have a common materialistic base and which, on close examination, can only result in a fear of mutual destruction."

RECORD-SIZED BOOK—Pope John Paul's active papacy has brought another record: the largest "L'Attivita Della Santa Sede" (Activity of the Holy See). The 1979 edition, documenting papal and Vatican activities of the first full year of Pope John Paul's reign, has more than 1,500 pages.

St. Vincent de Paul finds new location to help needy

SAN DIEGO—The Center City redevelopment project in downtown San Diego has forced the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Center to find a new home.

The San Diego diocese has recently purchased the northwest corner of 16th and Market streets on behalf of the center where construction is expected to begin in a few days for a building to house the center's offices and Thrift Store.

THE SVP CENTER has been at its current location, 4th and Market streets, for about 20 years.

"We're in the very corner of the redevelopment area. The city wants us out by Aug. 1, to build a multi-story residence for elderly sponsored by the Lions Club and Housing and Urban Development (HUD), said Msgr. Joseph Topping, director of St. Vincent de Paul Center for the last 14 years.

Msgr. Topping hopes the new SVP building will be ready by Aug. 1. If not, the city, which has to move SVP, would have to provide a facility for the center until the new building is ready, Msgr. Topping said.

HE SAID the new building would be a 100 X 90 foot structure with a ground floor and a 25-foot mezzanine, where the offices will be located.

The SVP center aids the needy by providing low-cost clothing, furniture and other household items at its Thrift Store. The center also provides emergency assistance and food.

S.D. mayor proclaims Mercy Hospital Week

SAN DIEGO—The week of May 26-31 has been pronounced "Mercy Hospital and Medical Center Week in San Diego" by Mayor Pete Wilson. The medical facility is celebrating its 90th anniversary on May 29.

Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, located in Hillcrest, is this city's oldest and largest community hospital.

The hospital has continued to expand with the addition of the three-story Ambulatory Care Services Addition, a five-level parking structure and the recent installation of a computerized axial tomographic body scanner.

The hospital, founded in 1890, currently has 511 beds, 1,600 employees and a medical, dental and pediatric staff of 1,100.

A reception will be held on May 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the hospital's 12th floor solarium. A pictorial display will be on view in the hospital's main corridor.



AID FOR BISHOP—State Regent Margaret Yama of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas presents an envelope containing a Bishop's Burse check for $2,219.90 to Msgr. Peter Mimnagh, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul parish, San Diego, who accepted on behalf of Bishop Leo T. Maher. The funds were raised by the 14 CDA courts of the diocese. The presentation in St. Vincent parish hall followed a Mass during which two new CDA courts were installed, in Holy Spirit parish, San Diego, and in the Carlsbad area.



PRISON CHAPLAINS—Peggy Pinciotto, a member of the Legion of Mary, Bill Goddrich, Charles Stilwell, Ron Spineto and Msgr. William Cooney, director of the diocesan Personel Board, listen to a discussion of the problem of chaplains gaining admittance to county jails during a monthly meeting of the Chaplain Advisory Board for San Diego County jails, an ecumenical group, held last week at the Diocesan Office building, USD campus. (Staff photo)

'Candidate Survey' on abortion issue published

SOLANA BEACH—Parishioners of most Catholic parishes and many Protestant and Mormon churches in San Diego County can expect to be handed an anti-abortion voters' guide after services this Sunday.

The Right to Life Council of San Diego County, based in Solana Beach, has compiled the "Candidate Survey" for the primary election June 3 and will distribute it near churches this Sunday.

THE SURVEY asked the candidates two questions:

"1. Do you support an amendment to the United States Constitution that will guarantee that the paramount right to life be vested in each human being from the moment of fertilization without regard to age, health, or condition of dependency?

"2. Do you support legislation forbidding tax monies being used for abortions, abortion services, abortion research, or abortifacients (anything that induces an abortion)?"

THE CANDIDATES could answer yes or no or not respond, in which case the council assumes "they are unconcerned about the right-to-life issue."

Candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties running for president and for U.S. Senate and congressional and state legislative posts are included, except where a candidate is unopposed.

Two presidential candidates for the American Independent Party are also listed.

Rosemary Gunsett, president of the local council, said viable candidates were visited personally, while others were sent questionnaires by certified mail.

THE VOTING records and public statements of incumbents were examined to determine their positions, according to the survey brochure.

Gunsett said 100,000 guides have been printed. Those who do not receive the guides this Sunday and wish to get one can contact the Right to Life Council at 560-7853.

The local council was founded in 1973 as an all-volunteer, non-profit, non-partisan and non-sectarian civic and political education organization.



GUAMANIAN CEREMONY—Mary Mendiola Flores, the Guam queen for 1980, crowns the statue of Santa Marian Camarin, Our Lady of Guam following Mass recently at St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego. More than 200 local Guamanians turned out under rainy skies to honor the patroness of Guam May 10. The inclement weather forced the procession preceding Mass inside the cathedral, where Msgr. Rudolph Galindo celebrated the Mass and preached the homily, urging the Guamanian people here to honor and pray to Mary as Santa Marian Camarin not only on her feastday but regularly throughout the year. The observance was sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club. (Staff photo)

Bishop to preside at Memorial Day event

SAN DIEGO—Bishop Leo T. Maher will be the principal celebrant for the annual Memorial Day Mass to be held at Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum, 4470 Hilltop Drive, Monday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

Concelebrating the Mass with the bishop will be Msgr. Thomas Prendergast, diocesan director of cemeteries, members of the Cemetery Board and U.S. Navy chaplains from the San Diego area.

A procession and outdoor ceremonies will follow the Memorial Day Mass to honor the deceased veterans.

A U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, U.S. Marine Corps Firing Squad and U.S. Navy bugler will participate.

In addition, an Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus will accompany Bishop Maher as he presents the memorial wreath honoring dead veterans.

Fathers of two priests die

Fathers of two priests of the diocese died recently.

Thomas Byrne, the father of Father George Byrne, director of the Newman Center at San Diego State University, died May 13 in New Rochelle, New York.

A funeral Mass and burial were held May 16 at Blessed Sacrament Church, New Rochelle.

Also, Michael Ryan died at age 91 May 7 in Limerick, Ireland. Among his survivors are his son, Father Alphonsus Ryan, associate pastor of Immaculate Conception parish, Old Town.

Editorial

Proposition 9 needs closer scrutiny

Last fall the United States Catholic Conference Administrative Board issued a statement on Political Responsibility. In that document we are told the church has a role in the political order that should include:

- Education regarding the teachings of the church and the responsibilities of the faithful;
- Analysis of issues for their social and moral dimensions;
- Measuring public policy against gospel values;
- Participating with other concerned parties in debate over public policy;
- Speaking out with courage, skill and concern on public issues involving human rights, social justice and the life of the church in society.

One of the specific issues raised by the statement was: "Some believe that the reduction of government spending for social programs is the most effective way of combating inflation.

"However, economic policies which attempt to reduce inflation by cutting back on human needs programs or by increasing unemployment are simply unacceptable."

Our Holy Father Pope John Paul II spoke eloquently in his encyclical Redemptor Hominis: "The church cannot remain insensible to whatever serves true human welfare any more than she can remain indifferent to whatever threatens it."

It is from this context that I wish to invite you to reflect on an issue before the California voters. Surely the majority of the community is aware of Proposition 9 or as it is called in some circles Jarvis II. A great deal of discussion, a good deal of debate and a lot of rhetoric surround this controversial matter.

Proposition 9 needs our closer scrutiny because it offers an easy palliative to very complex problems. Propositions approved in the previous statewide election set limits on the possibility of accumulating state reserves. In fact the state has been operating in a deficit position, since the passage of Proposition 13, and is living off now depleted reserves.

Rumors have abounded as to what reductions would be made should Proposition 9 pass. It is not our purpose or intent to enter the rumor process but simply to point out the fact that half of all the state general fund obtained from income tax proceeds is spent to support education ($10.3 billion) and one-third of the expenditures are in the category of health and welfare ($6.8 billion).

It would be and is naive to presume that all of these expenditures (67 percent of the budget) would be immune from reduction. Fifteen percent of the state budget consists of categories that are either (a) constitutionally restricted expenditures or (b) mandated by federal law.

It is my opinion that we have a moral obligation to be sensitive and concerned about the potential impact of Proposition 9 and on the disadvantaged members of our population. I believe that as Christians we cannot sacrifice services of the poor and needy to economic convenience. Our Catholic heritage is witness to deep, abiding alliance with those less advantaged.

We must find more equitable and compassionate ways of addressing our need for tax reform, our frustration at government bureaucracy and our desire for limitations on government expenditures.

(This is a guest editorial written by Father Douglas Regin, executive director of Catholic Community Services, San Diego.)

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Letters

Sing on 'out-of-tune' singers

Once again I find myself writing in response to an article by Father Rouse. The article I refer to is entitled "Music in Church" (SC, May 15).

Out of love for the priests and all the people who lack musical education and those beautiful volunteers with their Tijuana guitars (actually most are from Japan) I feel compelled to say this. No, they do not have the talent of Andre Segovia, just as the widow's mite is not a million dollars. Did Jesus leave any doubt which His Father preferred?

Father Rouse did not answer the question! He said, in effect, more money, more education and more talent will solve everything. In every case that I have observed when these three things are increased, two things happen:

1. The music becomes more professional; and
2. The people stop singing.



If I sing with joy and love and I sing out of tune, will God judge me for the tone quality of my voice or for the love and joy in my heart? Which then is more important? To please Father Rouse and others or to please God?

Obviously, we have done very little that pleases Father Rouse, but I have a great deal of faith that God is not all that interested in how professional we are, so sing.

Clete Gress
La Mesa

Abp. Quinn's words 'cosmetic'

Archbishop Quinn's statements concerning homosexuality (SC, May 15) are hypocritical, contradictory and absurd. Admitting, on the one hand, that for most lesbians and homosexuals their sexuality is not a matter of choice, he then condemns as sinful the physical expression of the orientation he acknowledges is innate!

He then selectively quotes scriptural writers condemning homosexual acts who have also been quoted to justify human slavery and the social, sexual, religious and political oppression of women!

In his famous statement regarding "eunuchs," Jesus himself says a life of chastity as a form of dedication to God's service is for the few.

Why, then, have church leaders allowed scores of thousands of nuns and priests to renounce their vows and marry in recent years, at the same time denied millions of lesbians and homosexuals the right to physical expression of their own form of sexuality?

Quinn's statement that homosexuals should not be persecuted nor harrassed is simply a "cosmetic" applied to conceal the church's historical stance of ignorance, brutality and hate toward the world's most misunderstood and cruelly persecuted (in the name of "God"!) minority. We homosexuals are neither fooled nor flattered by the archbishop.

Raymond Woodin-Shull
San Diego

Freedom of the press

A candidate's vote on specific "issues" is a matter of public record and, in keeping with the concept of "freedom of the press" and the God-given gift of free will, the SC would be doing a disservice if it did anything other than print unbiased information with respect to matters of politics, faith or morals.

A church-related publication enjoys status under the laws of the land (U.S. Constitution), and so, we must ask ourselves, "Why does a church or church-related organ even have to apply for exempt status?"

The law supersedes any "ruling" (not to mention the spirit of the law), and much the same way a personal relationship with God might supersede the biased opinion of any press.

If writing about religion can be equated with the "spiritual," then maybe it's time we get back to basics and review our U.S. Constitution (particularly the First Amendment) as the spiritual document it was intended to be by its founders, second in line only to the Bible.

C.A. Miller
San Diego

All sorts of mischief

On first thought one might disagree with the pope's action prohibiting priests from seeking election to the U.S. Congress. Surely, legislative action would seem to be a very direct and positive method of achieving the church's social goals.

But, a bit of reflection on history produces another consideration. In the past, excessive involvement of the hierarchy in European national politics led to all sorts of mischief. We can't read the pope's mind, but if this was one of his reasons, it is a valid one.

Joe McArdle
Carlsbad

CHD thanks you

I wish to thank the people of the diocese of San Diego for their continuing and generous support of the Campaign for Human Development. Recently a check for $26,804 was received here at the national office. This amount is the 3/4 portion to be distributed nationally.

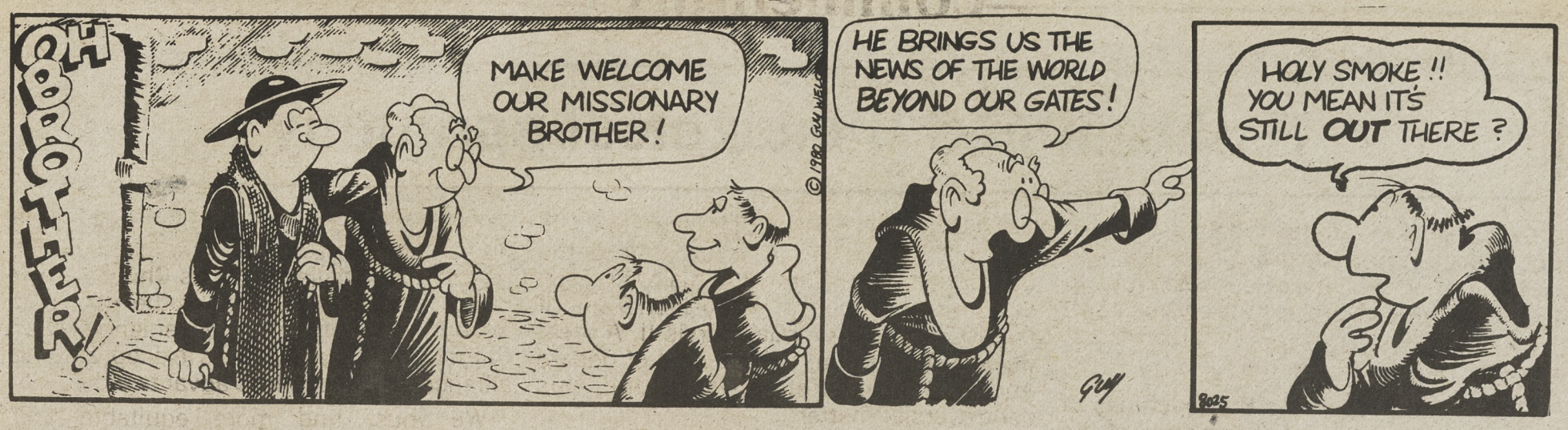
This year 646 funding proposals requesting nearly $44 million have been received. Usually there is enough money to fund some 120-125 self-help projects. The diocese of San Diego has received back 227 percent of its money in such grants.

On behalf of the entire CHD family, I express sincere thanks also to Bishop Maher and to Father Douglas Regin, your diocesan director.

Father Marvin A. Mottet
Executive Director
Campaign for Human Development
Washington, D.C.

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Talks with Parents

By Dolores Curran

A White House conference that worked

When I told a friend that I had agreed to serve on our state's White House Conference for Families and also to present a workshop at the conference, he said, "I knew you were a writer but I didn't know you were a masochist to boot."

Actually, it was risky, what with people in other states all but hitting one another with picket signs in order to save the family from each other and every special interest group in America trying to use the conference to foster its own interests. But I agreed because I sensed what the conference could be and do for families.

IN MANY COUNTRIES there is a family watchdog commission in government whose purpose is to let legislators know the impact of proposed legislation and rules on the family. Our country has no such official body working on behalf of the family and we complain loudly about that. "Who cares about the family in Washington?" we ask. "Who's listening to the family?"

But when the White House called a conference to listen to families and find ways of their impacting legislation and federal monies, there was an immediate national reaction: "The federal government is trying to take over the family." Placards were made, meetings were called, and most of the state conferences effectively demolished by special interest groups.

I'm happy to say that the conference in my state of Colorado was not one. Therefore, it didn't receive the national publicity of those who self-destructed.

FROM THE BEGINNING, our planning commission worked toward cooperating and sharing ideas and facilities for supporting the family instead of competing for the controlling religious ideology or secular philosophy of the family. We were almost successful on both counts.

I had some trepidation about my workshop because of its topic, "The Church As Family Support Center." I spoke on the use of local churches as effective centers for neighborhood parent education, family communication, drug education, day care, elderly, and other services.

I mentioned the many churches around the country that are already doing this, the problems they encountered, and the gratifying results. There were 80 in my workshop and they could have used it to battle one another over ideologies but instead they were intensely interested in learning from one another.

SOME TOLD OF HOW their churches offer space to a federally-sponsored program for the elderly which involves weekly blood pressure clinics, nutrition and prescription checkup, and other services. "How can we get in touch with the program?" other participants asked, and addresses were exchanged. This sharing expanded to embrace many areas and when the two-hour workshop ended, participants clustered to share more.

Sure, we had differing ideologies and hidden agendas. One woman spoke emotionally to the need to go back to the Bible for family happiness, stating that "if we all read the Bible fifteen minutes daily, we would have no more family problems."

OUR CONFERENCE showed me that large groups of people truly interested in the welfare of families can work together without diminishing the beliefs of one another. I've lost patience with those who come to such efforts to sandbag them and then complain later that the government doesn't care. It cares as much as we care, no more, no less, and if we indulge in the luxury of battle rather than the more prosaic effort of sharing, we have no right to gripe.

Looking for the Lord

By Father John Reedy, CSC

Father Drinan's withdrawal from public office

Father Robert Drinan is a good priest, a good Jesuit. Obviously his constituents also thought he was a good congressman; they have been reelecting him since 1970.

Because I have some idea of how difficult it must have been for him to accept Rome's order to withdraw from public office, my long-standing respect for him as a priest has only increased.

STILL, IN SPITE OF that respect, I think Father Drinan's service in the House of Representatives offers support for my own reservations about priests and religious serving in public office.

(At this point I haven't seen the reasons offered by Rome for the decision, but I'm sure the Holy Father will be pleased to know that he and I are in substantial agreement.)

Because Father Drinan has been subjected to vicious criticism which went far beyond legitimate political disagreement, which challenged his fidelity to the church, I want to offer my opinion of the criticism.

FROM PERSONAL acquaintance and from my knowledge of his work, I know that he is an exceptionally gifted man. He has a sophisticated intellect and an educational background far superior to those demonstrated by his colleagues in Congress.

In spite of all the bitter denunciations, I have never seen a position of his—an article, a speech, or a vote—which I did not consider to be within the options allowed by a sophisticated understanding of Catholic moral teaching.

OFTEN HIS POSITIONS were not the ones I held, but I could understand how he reached his judgments while holding the same principles I find in the authoritative teachings of the church.

Nevertheless, public perception is important when considering a priest's role in giving witness to the Lord, to the teachings of the church.

Some of Drinan's critics can be written off as the kind of people who sniff out any scandal they can find and then claim to be outraged by it. But there are many others whose understanding of theology, of theological reasoning, of political processes is such that they quite honestly could not see how a priest could arrive at his judgments on legal issues relating to abortion.

AND THIS WAS THE focus of attention; little comment was given to his effectiveness in supporting a whole range of human and social values proclaimed by church authorities.

The difficulty is that the specific political choices presented to a congressman do not come like neatly-packaged cases from the old textbooks of moral theology. They come entangled with all kinds of other considerations: What would be the side effects of a particular piece of legislation? Will my vote make any difference in the final outcome? Is there any preferable alternative possible in which my ethical values could be preserved? Does the specific wording constitute good law? Would it survive legal tests? And many, many others.

A RESPONSIBLE CATHOLIC legislator would have to consider all the issues and make his best judgment according to his conscience. In political activity, he has to work with compromise while trying to avoid a compromise of his basic principles.

But even a gifted, dedicated legislator (which I consider Father Drinan to be) finds it difficult, if not impossible, to communicate clearly how his values are preserved through the maze of issues involved in specific decisions.

And that is the problem. In general, people who represent the church should be able to witness clearly to the values proclaimed by the church. We are most free to do this outside the practical demands of politics.

I REGRET THAT Father Drinan will be leaving Congress. In my opinion, it will be a loss for Congress. But in his obedience he has certainly given clear witness to the priority of his values.

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Christian Way of Life

By Enid Lanyon

Babel and the signs of spring

It was one of those mountain days when the cloud comes down to sit on your shoulder and wrap you in a cloak of mysterious and almost impenetrable silence. The air was moist and heavy enough to shroud the nearby oak trees until they were pallid shadows of themselves, and so still that the tall wheat grass bowed motionless under its weight.

It was not a day for work. Outside both the air and the ground were sodden and indoors every corner was dark and cold and the power low. It was a day for laziness, for fire in the wood stove, hot chocolate and toasted muffins and dreaming. And for silence.

AT ONE TIME I braved the dripping mist to fetch the mail and was astonished to hear a cacophony of sound coming from one of the large black oaks by the driveway. The tree seemed to be full of birds and everyone chirping and screeching and chattering at once!

At the same time a strong wind arose, not a steady direct breeze, but, like the breath of the spirit, blowing where it would. And the tree tops began tossing and creaking, the grasses sifflating. Suddenly, although the cloud still lay thick and dimming to my vision, there was noise and a kind of commotion all around.

I found myself thinking of Pentecost and Babel and speaking in tongues. Perhaps the bird-talk was intelligible to other birds, although with so many talking at the same time, it seemed impossible. And it set me reflecting on how seldom we make ourselves understood to each other and how much damage our misunderstanding can bring about.

BABEL, OF COURSE, came about through man's idolatry of himself, Pentecost through faith in Christ. Babel was symbolic of divisiveness, Pentecost of unity in the Spirit. Often it seems there is far too much of Babel left in us, and far too little of Pentecost!

Listening to people around a conference table, at meetings of parish organizations, or even around the fireplace at home, it is remarkable how often we misinterpret each other and how much time has to be spent "straightening out" one person's idea of what another person has said.

One of the marvelous things about the first Pentecost was that the Apostles were able to make themselves understood by all the people. What a miracle.

AND WHAT A FAR CRY from the popular rationalization every speaker seems prey to these days: "If I can only reach one person, I shall be satisfied." Obviously the Spirit is bent on reaching every person.

Many of us, of course, do not say what we mean and then our friends and acquaintances must look beyond the words to try to discern what we are really trying to communicate—or trying not to communicate. But it is a mistake to assume that this is always so.

Some people do say what they mean and mean what they say. They may, in fact, be very precise in the art of communicating.

THEN IT CAN BE extremely irritating to have some earnest friend assure one that "I hear what you are saying...you are saying..." and go on to give a travesty of what one has just said! That can lead to another impasse with the direct person insisting, "I am saying exactly what I am saying," and the other, well-meaning if mistaken, insisting on discovering some hidden meaning that does not exist.

On the other hand, what a relief it is to meet someone who will admit flatly that "I don't know what you are talking about," and so offer the opportunity to clarify both his and our understanding. And what a change from those to whom we long to cry "Listen to me, you're not listening."

Of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, surely that of instant communication must be the most marvelous. And not only instant but accurate communication. All the barriers of language broken. All the walls of separation breached. All the misinterpretations and misconceptions eradicated. All preconceptions and projections swept away.

I SUPPOSE THIS is only likely to come about when, like the Apostles at that first Pentecost, we come together as one body to pray in hope and faith and brotherly accord and are so united in fidelity to the Word of God that we may truly be one in spirit. But there is no harm in keeping in practice in the meantime by learning the human arts of open and active listening and easing up a little on the bird-talk!

Q and A

By Father Warren J. Rouse, OFM

What's the difference?

Q: What is the difference between a Pentecostal and a Charismatic?

A: In popular parlance, the word "pentecostal" usually designates a Protestant and "charismatic" often, but not always, describes a Catholic.

How pentecostals and charismatics differ is explained well by Bishop Edward O'Rourke: "Catholic charismatics differ in significant ways from fundamentalist Protestants who are usually referred to as Pentecostals.

"The most significant of these differences is the fact that the vast majority of Catholic charismatics follow closely the teachings of the Church, want to be a part of the whole Catholic community, and humbly seek the guidance of their pastors and bishops. Also, that degree of emotionalism characteristic of Protestant Pentecostals is usually not found among Catholic charismatics.".

Now if there were only one more added gift—that of respecting the reserved parking signs in front of the church building when they arrive for their meetings...

Q: How many eucharistic prayers are there?

A: So that everyone is in agreement, the eucharistic prayer at Mass begins with the Preface and ends with the great Amen. There are four "regular" eucharistic prayers (canons) along with several for children's Masses and Masses of reconciliation. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy is preparing five new texts and revising eucharistic prayer IV (to delete sexist language).

To be known as the "Green Book," it will not be lawful to use these texts until they are approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In addition, the Sacred Congregation for Worship is preparing a revised lectionary (which contains the scriptural readings); this will include a new general instruction, additional readings and some changes in the scriptural texts used within the Mass. Eventually this revision will become a part of all lectionaries. As yet it has not been translated into English.

(Please send your questions directly to Father Warren Rouse, Old Mission San Luis Rey, P.O. Box 407, San Luis Rey, CA 92068.)

the Saints

by Luke

ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT



MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT WAS BORN IN FRANCE, DEC. 12, 1779. AT 16, SHE WAS BROUGHT TO PARIS AND EDUCATED BY FATHER JOSEPH VARIN, WHO FOR A LONG TIME WANTED TO ESTABLISH AN ORDER OF WOMEN DEVOTED TO THE SACRED HEART AND DEDICATED TO EDUCATING GIRLS.

ON NOV. 21, 1800, AT 21, MADELEINE SET OUT TO ESTABLISH THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART AND SOON WAS JOINED BY A FEW COMPANIONS. EVENTUALLY, AS SUPERIOR GENERAL, SHE BUILT 105 HOUSES OF THE ORDER WORLD WIDE, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN 63 YEARS.

WHEN HOUSES IN FRANCE WERE BEING SUPPRESSED, SHE OPENED UP NEW ONES ELSEWHERE.

MADELEINE TOLD HER SISTERS, "THOSE WHO SEE ONE OF OURS, OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SAY: THAT IS A RELIGIOUS OF THE SACRED HEART; WE KNOW HER BY HER MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY." SHE CHEERED AND ENCOURAGED ALL WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH HER. "TO SUFFER MYSELF AND NOT TO MAKE OTHERS SUFFER," WAS ONE OF HER FAVORITE MOTTOES.

ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT DIED AT PARIS, MAY 25, 1865, AND WAS CANONIZED MAY 24, 1925.

Sunday Readings

By Father Eugene H. Maly

Proof of the Spirit dwelling in you

Pentecost Sunday; May 25, 1980. Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

The Holy Spirit and you. What role does He play in your life? Or, better, what role do you understand Him to play in your life? He's there. And He's active. Do you recognize His presence at all?

One of the reasons for this feast is to enhance our understanding and appreciation of the Holy Spirit. This Sunday's Word is ideally suited for that. Each of the readings gives us a rich insight into the meaning of the Spirit for us.

One of the general purposes for which Luke wrote his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles was to show the universal nature of Christianity. Its offer of God's saving love is for everyone everywhere and in every age. The agent of its worldwide expansion is the Holy Spirit.

THERE ARE INTIMATIONS of this already in Luke's Gospel. But it is in his history of the young church that he shows clearly the Spirit's power at work, the power to evangelize all kinds of peoples. This Sunday's reading from that book is the most striking text in that regard. In His inaugural appearance to the whole community of believers He brings the good news to peoples "of every nation under heaven."

Luke understands this experience as the official beginnings of the Church and of her commitment to evangelize the world through the Spirit's power. But, as Peter will bring out in his first discourse, the Spirit is given in this saving way because of the prior saving activity of Jesus (2:32-33). The Spirit brings Christ's saving love to us.

To us. To all of us who believe. If you can truthfully say that you believe in Jesus Christ, then you know that the Holy Spirit has been at work in you. For, as Paul says in the second reading, "...no one can say: 'Jesus is Lord,' except in the Holy Spirit." Your being a Christian is a determined part of the Spirit's goal to spread the faith. Pentecost has happened to you.

IN THE READING from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth we can note two special characteristics of the Spirit's work. The first is the bestowing of special gifts on the believer. In later passages Paul gives lists of them. Some are "extraordinary," such as speaking in tongues, but many are the ordinary tasks of everyday life, such as teaching, assisting others and engaging in administration.

The point is that anything we do as Christians to help one another is the Spirit's power working in us; it is His gift. The one major criterion for recognizing the possession of a gift is if it helps others, or, as Paul puts it, if it is "for the common good."

The Spirit's gifts are not for a chosen elite; they are for all who believe and who act on their belief. That is why Paul says that the greatest gift is love (c.13).

THE OTHER CHARACTERISTIC of the Spirit's work mentioned here is His unifying power. He makes the most disparate peoples one. That means that "in one Spirit" all of us "were baptized into one body." While every Christian around the world has his or her own special gifts, they all form one body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the unifying principle.

Finally, our Gospel reading brings still another insight. Here the Holy Spirit is directly associated with the forgiveness of sins. While the passage no doubt refers to a special power to forgive sins on the part of the apostles, the New Testament would surely testify that every time we forgive one another we are acting in the power of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit and you? Your faith, your gifts of service no matter now menial, your oneness with others all over the world, your ability to say "I forgive" to one who has hurt you—all of these are the proof of the Spirit dwelling in you.

Volcano disrupts diocesan activities in Northwest

SPOKANE (NC)—The Mount St. Helens volcano eruption May 18 that killed several people, caused floods and sent clouds of fine gray ash across the region disrupted church activities in Northwest dioceses.

Creating general havoc among the communities affected by the volcano's explosive activity, the eruption closed diocesan schools and offices in the diocese of Spokane, 150 miles away; delayed a meeting of U.S. Jesuit provincials with their superior general, Father Pedro Arrupe; and immobilized Helena, Mont., 600 miles distant.

IT ALSO SENT some 500 stranded motorists to seek shelter in the CCD center of Our Lady of Fatima parish, Moses Lake, Wash., about 250 miles from the volcano.

In addition to the parish, residents of the area have opened their homes to some of the stranded persons.

Meanwhile, while five of the 10 Jesuit provincials who were here to attend their annual asembly were able to get to Spokane, another five had to remain in Seattle because airline traffic, like everything else, had halted.

Jesuit Father Brad Reynolds, director of communications for the Jesuits' Oregon province, said the effects of the eruption became visible in Spokane early afternoon May 18. "It was just like a gigantic black cloud, like a wall of black moving into the city." By 3 p.m., it was as dark as midnight, he added.

While the diocesan House of Charity, sponsored by the diocese's Catholic Charities, remained open to accommodate those delayed by the eruption, diocesan events scheduled for early in the week were cancelled, while those planned for late week were left in a holding pattern.

MEANWHILE, the volcano was also causing trouble 600 miles away in Helena, Mont. Father Robert J. O'Donnell, executive editor of the WestMont word, Helena's diocesan newspaper, said Helena residents wore face masks for protection from the ash that covered everything. "We had to cancel everything. Nobody could go anywhere. It was unreal."



TENT MEDITATION—Reynaldo Sanchez Vetia meditates on a statue of San Lorazo, patron saint of Cuba, as he lies on a cot in a tent on Miami Beach. Temporary living quarters have been set up on the beach for hundreds of Cuban refugees that could not be accommodated elsewhere in the area Vetia, who found the statue in a pile of donated clothes, is a Catholic who says he was not allowed to practice his faith in Cuba. (NC photo)

Catholic journalists hear calls for social justice

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (NC)—Social justice was the theme that ran through the Catholic Press Association convention like the relentless, driving strains of "Orange Blossom Special" and other bluegrass music that filled the air at Nashville.

The CPA convention was held in the Opryland Hotel about 15 miles from the city of Nashville. Opryland and country music's top attraction, the Grand Ole Opry, were part of the same complex. Music is everywhere in the hotel, night and day, with singers in lobbies and musicians in lounges entertaining customers.

THE EXPOSITION of social justice themes was done by a number of speakers at the convention in the same way. Some spoke at relatively intimate workshops, others at panel discussions for wider audiences and some in huge halls, electronically enhanced to larger than life.

In a videotaped message, Pope John Paul addressed not only the 280 Catholic journalists at the CPA convention, but all 1,200 religious communicators at the Religious Communications Congress-80 which was held during the same week, May 12-16.

The pope called on the religious journalists to serve humanity and expand, not limit, people's horizons.

POPE JOHN PAUL, whose image was projected onto a massive screen in a convention ballroom, said he was happy that journalists want to "hear the voices of those beyond your own boundaries. And not just my voice but the voices of many nations, particularly those of the Third World."

Looking for the needs of the poor in the United States was Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a keynote speech, Hooks sounded an alarm against the new conservatism, and decried "tax-cutting fever," with its resulting high unemployment rate among blacks. He said current economic conditions may mean recession for whites, but mean "full-blown depression" for blacks.

ALSO, AUXILIARY BISHOP James Lyke of Cleveland urged Catholic journalists to help give a voice to the poor and thus help the church be evangelized by the poor.

Bishop Lyke, 41, who is black, had some tough words about abortion coverage compared with coverage of racism in the Catholic press.

"If I could spread over the 200 years of the enslavement of black people the same quantity, quality and equality of coverage that the Catholic press has given to abortion in the last 10 years, the average Catholic would certainly have an informed conscience on the issue of racism."

ALSO AT THE CONVENTION, Hispanic and black journalists within the CPA formed a caucus to deal with their specific concerns after the CPA voted to study a proposal to include Spanish-language entries in all CPA awards categories.

There are now three categories for Spanish-language materials.

A CPA officer later said that the resolution is not dead and that the change suggested by the caucus could be handled by the next CPA meeting, in 1981.

ASIDE FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE issues, Catholic journalists were told at a seminar that good religious content and social responsibility are not enough.

Catholic newspapers are seriously underfunded and some will be forced to cease publication unless something is done, said Richard A. Banules, business manager of NC News Service. Banules was quoting from a study conducted jointly by the CPA and NC News.

The communicators, young and old, had been given many messages, but in leaving Nashville, some still heard a simple call, as straightforward as a banjo's clang.

Bishop Carroll Dozier of Memphis, Tenn., at an Ascension Thursday Mass at the convention, asked the scriptural question, "Why do we stand looking up to heaven?" He answered, "There's work to do...Let us be about it today."

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Bishop calls on colleagues to take a stand for the poor

NEW YORK (NC)—American Catholics "more and more" need bishops who are willing to lead and "take a stand with the poor and voiceless," in the view of Bishop Matthew H. Clark of Rochester, N.Y., 42, who was consecrated less than a year ago.

Bishop Clark reflected during a Shepherds Speak lecture at St. James' Cathedral, Brooklyn, that in his travels among the 400,000 Catholics of the Rochester diocese, he found Catholics looking to their bishops to be a "sign of unity in a relationship that is human and loving." That model of bishop is "extremely important for the whole church."

"(We bishops) have to be willing to stand up and lead, knowing full well someone may not like the package we offer," he said, answering an audience question about how the American bishops will respond to pastoral crises in the church in the 1980s.

Bishop Clark has met twice with the people in each of 11 regions of his western New York See. He has put 22,000 miles on his car visiting 116 of its 160 parishes.

Regional meetings have a "town forum" format. He has found these open exchanges both "well received" and "demanding" because "you can get burned" when people ask anything they want.

49.8 million Catholics in U.S.

NEW YORK (NC)—The total Catholic population of the United States is 49,812,178, according to the 1980 Official Catholic Directory, released May 22. The figure is a slight increase from the 1979 figure of 49,602,035.

The directory, based on figures reported by the nation's 32 archdioceses and 138 dioceses, is compiled annually by P.J. Kenedy and Sons of New York.

The figures, accurate to Jan. 1, indicate increases in the number of bishops, priests and permanent deacons along with more students at Catholic colleges, more lay teachers in Catholic schools, more beds in Catholic hospitals, more infant baptisms, more converts, more parishes and more deaths.

The directory also showed decreases in sisters, brothers, seminarians and Catholic grade and high schools.

The Chicago archdiocese remains the largest See in the country with a total reported Catholic population of 2.41 million. It is followed by Los Angeles (2.07 million), Boston (2.02 million), New York (1.83 million), Newark (1.39 million), Philadelphia (1.36 million) and Brooklyn (1.34 million).

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Bishop tells youths

Look for life's meaning

IMPERIAL BEACH—More than 300 young persons attended the South Bay Youth Day held May 18 at Marian High School here. The youths represented 10 South Bay area parishes and also St. Rita parish of East San Diego.

The youths were addressed by Bishop Leo T. Maher who was the principal celebrant at the Youth Day Mass in the afternoon.

"YOUTH ARE looking for meaning of life. Some are looking for an escape such as drugs, alcohol, sex, all of which do not bring happiness.

"Jesus offers life in its fullness and you by your presence here have chosen life, chosen to respond to the call, 'Follow me,'" said Bishop Maher.

One of the keynote speakers, Mike Kirkland, a backup quarterback for the Chargers and a self-professed Christian, talked about a team as a family, relying on each other and even spending more time together than with their own families during the football season.

HE SPOKE OF the need of a "community of believers, which we call the church, where a person can be nurtured and grow in their relationship with Jesus."

Father Giles Conwill, a priest of the diocese who served the last couple of years as vocation director for the National Office for Black Catholics, Washington, D.C., gave the other keynote speech.

There were 25 workshops conducted by 20 speakers. Youth Day concluded with a dance that evening.

Two students cited

SAN DIEGO—Two Catholic high school students were recently awarded $100 each and a bronze medallion for their scholastic achievements by the savings and loan associations of San Diego County.

Gwendolyn Carter, a student at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace, and Nicholas Jordan, who attends St. Augustine High School, were selected from seniors in 52 high schools and recommended for their scholarship, student activities, and community service.

Gwendolyn is majoring in mathematics and has maintained a grade point average of 3.67. She is active in volleyball and softball. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carter of San Diego.

Nicholas has maintained a 3.87 average while serving as president and secretary of Saints' Associated Student Body. He is a member of the California Scholarship Federation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan of Pacific Beach.



Gwendolyn Carter



Nicholas Jordan



LIBRARY DEDICATED—Bishop Leo T. Maher dedicates the new John R. Aherne Library at St. Augustine High School in San Diego. The library is housed in the same building that served as the school library for more than 20 years until destroyed by an arson fire last year. Father Aherne is a former principal of St. Augustine's. (Photo by Richard Scannell)

Scouts to get religious awards

SAN DIEGO—About 200 religious emblem awards will be presented to Catholic Explorer, Boy and Cub Scouts in the diocese at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 12, at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Dr., in the University City area.

Bishop Leo T. Maher will present the awards during the ceremony, originally scheduled for May 27. It is sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

THE SCOUTS earned the awards from their study and application of their Catholic faith. They are designed to help scouts grow spiritually.

Explorer Scouts, 14-18 years old, will receive the Pope Pius XII award, while Boy Scouts, 11-16, will get the Ad Altare Dei (Altar of God) award. Cub Scouts, 8-11, will be presented with the Parvuli Dei (Little Children of God) award.

Eight of the Explorer and Boy Scouts who will receive awards are from the troop at St. Madeleine Sophie's Training Center in El Cajon, a school for handicapped adults.

ALSO, 11 awards will be presented to adult scout leaders. Two St. George medals, the highest national honor given by a diocese, will be presented as well as eight Bronze Pelican awards, a local honor.

The goal of the Catholic Committee on Scouting is to emphasize the religious awards and develop a spirituality in conjunction with an active scouting program, said Father Joseph Carroll, diocesan scout chaplain.

Further information is available from Father Carroll at St. Pius X parish, Chula Vista, 420-9193.



FOOD DRIVE—Father Michael Zuffoletto, Derrek Benson, center, and Peter Watruba help load up the truck from Casa de los Pobres (House of the Poor) in Tijuana, a help center for the needy, with food collected during a 10-day food drive held at University High School, San Diego. The collection was part of a week-long Mission Awareness Education program sponsored by the San Diego diocesan Mission Office. (Staff photo)

Camp for disabled

"ReCreation '80," a one-week summer camp for disabled children and youths, five to 20, will be held June 22-28 at Camp Caroline in Valley Center. For more information contact Sister Kathryn Jennings, diocesan coordinator of special education, 297-7110.

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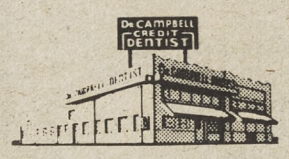
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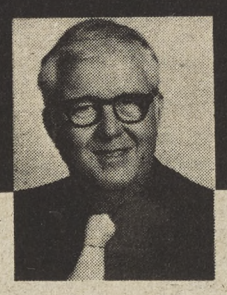
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Marian misses playoff bid

UniHi bombs Saints, 13-1

University High School used a 17-hit attack and another fine pitching performance from lefthander Bob Doty to drub crosstown Catholic rival St. Augustine last Friday, 13-1, on the University of San Diego diamond.

The Dons scored all their runs in five-run second and fourth innings and a three-run fifth, led in hitting by Mike Correia and Tim Carroll, each knocking in four runs.

GARR MILLAY, who leads the City West division-clinching team in batting with a .435 average, collected three hits, two of them doubles. That performance gave him 14 doubles for the season, a new county record.

Doty, now 3-1, went the distance while allowing only six hits.

St. Augustine picked up its first league victory of the season last Tuesday as reserve hurler Andy Hausner pitched his team to a 6-4 victory over Lincoln.

THE SAINTS came from behind with four sixth-inning runs on a two-run single by Russ Folcka and a two-run double by Mark Sobolewski to take the victory. Also instrumental was the extraordinary fielding finesse of outfielder Mark Covarrubias.

Hausner (1-0) struck out five and walked only one as he pitched a complete game.

UniHi's Mike Correia earned his 10th win in 11 decisions last Tuesday as the Dons edged Hoover 2-1 in extra innings. The killing blow was applied by UniHi's Nezi Balelo's solo home run in the eighth.

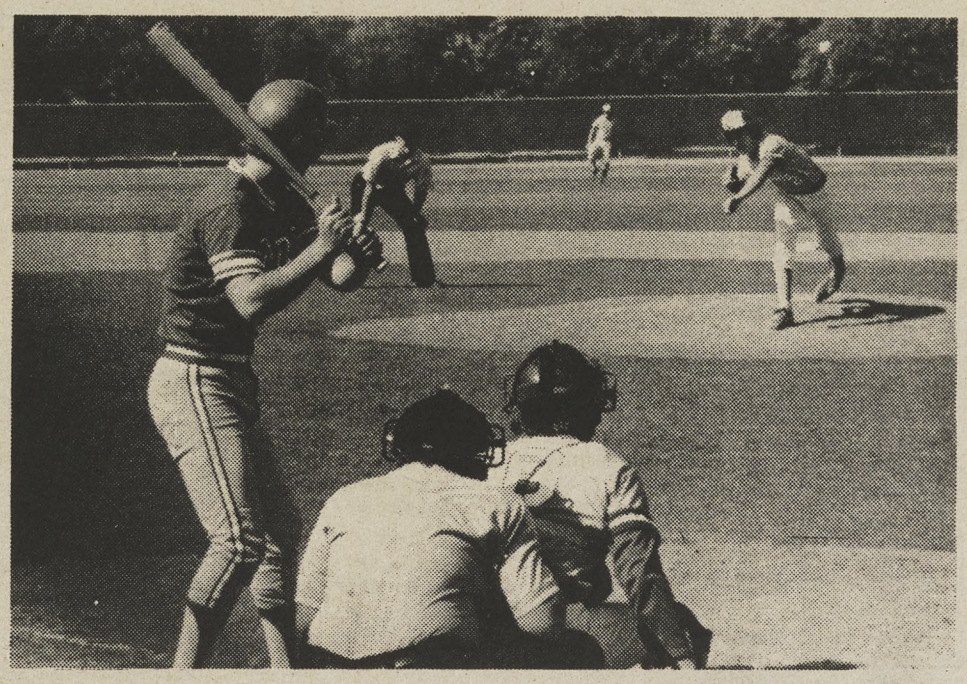
MARIAN HIGH won two of three games this week, but the one the Crusaders lost dashed their playoff hopes.

Jeff Welch (4-5) pitched both victories for Marian, the first a 7-4 win over Hilltop on Tuesday and the second a 5-0 two-hitter at Sweetwater on Friday.

The Hilltop romp was paced by Marc Larson's second-inning bases-loaded triple which scored three runs. Art Calvert (.500) contributed three hits, while John Rael and Aki Savage each had a pair.

AT HOME AGAINST Chula Vista on Wednesday, however, the visitors captured the game in extra innings, 6-5, when Marian pitcher Joe Abrantes (2-3) walked in the winning run in the ninth. The loss eliminated the Crusaders from Metro League playoff contention.

Calvert headed the Marian effort with three singles and one RBI, while David Kachigan whacked a pair of hits and brought home two runs.



POWER AT THE PLATE—University High slugger Garr Millay awaits the pitch of St. Augustine's Steve Mattera in baseball action last Friday on the USD diamond. Millay collected three hits against the Saints as UniHi won big, 13-1. Behind the plate for the Saints is Russ Folcka (6).



CLOSE PLAY AT THIRD—Saints' third baseman Jeff Wright stretches to field the ball in an attempt to tag UniHi's Dwayne Parker. He was safe on the play and later scored on a hit by Sean Doyle, one of five runs the Dons amassed in the second inning. (Staff photos by Gerry Korson)

USD closes season with three wins

SAN DIEGO—The Torero baseball team at the University of San Diego closed its season with three home-field victories last week, finishing with a 14-14 Southern California Baseball Association record and a 29-26-1 overall mark.

In a 13-inning marathon last Tuesday, the Toreros emerged victorious over Long Beach State, 5-4. The two teams combined for 26 hits as Greg McSparran picked up his 11th win of the year.

LOYOLA University was victimized at both ends of a doubleheader last Saturday, losing the opener 11-2 before suffering a shutout in the nightcap, 1-0.

USD scored big in the third inning, piling on nine runs with the help of Jamie McDonald's grand slam homer. McSparran was on the mound again and earned his 12th win.

In the season's final, the Toreros pushed across a run in the fourth inning to secure the victory in a defensive battle. Marty Sturgeon was credited with the triumph.

THE SEASON marked the sixteenth at USD for head coach John Cunningham. His career record for the Toreros now stands at 378-340 for a winning percentage of .526.

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Around the diocese

ACTIVITIES

Benefit dinner-dance for "ReCreation," a summer camp for handicapped children, May 24, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart, Coronado. Details: 297-7110.

EDUCATION

"What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women: Money, Sex and Children," final film of Focus on the Family series, May 26, 7:30 p.m. Resurrection Church, Escondido. Details: 727-2122, 743-7772.

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Scripture classes every Wednesday with Father Ralph Weishaar, OFM, 9:30 a.m., Old Mission San Luis Rey. Details: 757-3651.

High school CCD classes at Blessed Sacrament Church, San Diego, first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7 p.m. Details: 338-5115.

Scripture classes with Father Jerome Bevilacqua, OSA, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, San Diego. Details: 574-1667, 223-5770.

Home scripture program available, call for days and times, St. James parish, Solana Beach. Details: 755-7104.

Youth Bible study, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. Therese, San Diego. Details: 449-4957.



SERVICE TO ELDERLY—Mildred Coffendaffer, left, regent of Court Our Lady of Grace, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, presents a plaque to Myrtle Diesel who has been a member of the organization for 20 years. Mrs. Diesel, a parishioner of Holy Trinity parish in El Cajon, has given 20 years of service to elderly patients at the Edgemoor County Hospital in Santee. She also received a certificate from the state court commending her for her involvement in an apostolate to elderly and sick.

LITURGIES

Ecumenical Vespers, Pentecost Sunday, May 25, 6:30 p.m., Benedictine Convent, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Catholic and other Christian churches in area invited. Refreshments will be served. Details: 274-1030.

Healing service and Mass with Father Jerome Bevilacqua, OSA, May 27, 7:30 p.m., Holy Family Church, San Diego. Details: 574-1667.

The singing of the Liturgy of the Hours at the Benedictine Chapel of Perpetual Adoration is held at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Participation by laity and others is welcomed.

ORGANIZATIONS

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, executive board meeting, May 28, 9:30 a.m., concelebrated Mass will follow at 11:30 a.m., St. Rose of Lima parish hall, Chula Vista. Reservations and details: 479-8866.

The South Bay Deanery, Council of Catholic Women, meeting, June 9, 10:30 a.m., Precious Blood parish, 1245 4th Ave., Chula Vista. Cost $1.50. Reservations and details: 435-8770.

Serra Club luncheon, May 28, 12:10 p.m., Padre Trail Inn, Old Town.

Board for Educational Ministry meeting, May 27, 4 p.m., Board Room, DeSales Hall, USD. Open to the public.

Court St. Vincent de Paul No. 2188, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, annual card party and friendship table, May 31, luncheon at noon, St. Vincent de Paul church hall, San Diego. Donation $3. Reservations and details: 297-9097, 295-5543.

Court St. Clare No. 1413, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, charity luncheon and games party, May 31, noon, Oneira Women's Club, 4649 Hawley St., San Diego. Donation $2.50. Reservations and details: 463-7246, 582-5927.

St. Joseph Cathedral Archconfraternity luncheon-card party, May 24, noon, St. Joseph Cathedral auditorium. Donation $2.50. Reservations and details: 239-1880, 235-0419.

The St. Christopher's Sodality of St. Rita Church, San Diego, is sponsoring an Ensenada and La Bufadora tour on May 31. Reservations and details: 264-8019, 461-2056.

Santa Rita de Casia Sociedad Caridad (St. Rita's Charity Society), 51st anniversary celebration, 10:30 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Diego; noon social hour followed by luncheon, Bali Hai Restaurant, May 24. Details: 284-4063.

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, Crowning of the Queen ceremony, May 31, 7 p.m., St. John of the Cross Church, Lemon Grove.

RETREATS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter retreat, scheduled for May 30-31, Old Mission San Luis Rey. Reservations and details: 291-2007.

Engaged couples' weekend encounter, scheduled for May 23-25, Old Mission San Luis Rey. Reservations and details: 279-2920.

Holy Family Retreat Association retreat for married couples, May 23-25, Mission San Luis Rey. Reservations and details: 535-4030, 524-8072.

SEMINARS

Training session for persons involved in ministry to the aged, sponsored by Catholic Community Services, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 27, St. Brigid conference room, 4735 Cass St., Pacific Beach. Cost $7 per person.

Official

Bishop Leo T. Maher:

Saturday, May 24, 5 p.m., University of San Diego stadium, baccalaureate Mass.

Sunday, May 25, 10:30 a.m., University of San Diego stadium, USD Law School graduation ceremony.

Sunday, May 25, 3 p.m., USD stadium, USD graduation ceremony.

Monday, May 26, 11 a.m., San Diego, Holy Cross Mausoleum, Memorial Day Mass.

Confirmations for May (at 5:30 p.m.):

Bishop Leo T. Maher:

Thursday, May 22, Escondido, Resurrection.
Wednesday, May 28, San Diego, Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday, May 29, Lakeside, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez:

Friday, May 23, Poway, St. Gabriel.
Tuesday, May 27, Alpine, Queen of Angels.
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Silver jubilee for priest

FALLBROOK—A celebration commemorating the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the associate pastor of St. Peter parish here will be held May 25 beginning with a Mass of Thanksgiving at noon.

Father Harold Homall, TOR, will be the guest of honor at a reception to be held from 1-3 p.m. in Sheridan Hall at the church.

Father Homall was ordained May 1, 1955 as a Franciscan of the Third Order Regular in Loretto, Pa.

Prior to his assignment at St. Peter, Father Homall served at a parish in Philadelphia and was also a hospital chaplain there.

Pentecost celebration set

SAN DIEGO—An ecumenical Pentecost celebration will be held on the eve of Pentecost, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Golden Hall at the San Diego Community Concourse.

The featured speaker will be Kerry Koller, who served for several years on the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He is now director of Charismatic Studies at the Theological Research Center, South Bend, Ind.

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Por Sally Arguilez

SAN DIEGO—La Organización de Vecinos Mexicanos y Americanos mejor conocida por MANO (Mexican American Neighbor Organization) trata precisamente, como su nombre lo indica, de dar la mano a sus vecinos.

"Nuestro nombre significa manos unidas—en amistad y en trabajo, compartiendo la responsabilidad de México y Estados Unidos de responder a las necesidades de los mexicanos en las areas de San Diego y Baja California," dijo Bill Jackson, miembro activo de MANO. Jackson explicó que el programa de MANO surgió del Centro Cardijn situado en 2422 Calle Congress, Old Town, establecido hace 30 años.

ADEMAS DE MANO, el Centro Cardijn ofrece servicios de consultoría, biblioteca, sesiones semanarias educativas y sociales para personas de edad avanzada, un programa de justicia social para alumnos de escuelas secundarias, y una tienda de descuento.

"MANO es un programa que no está afiliado a ninguna denominación, pero es manejado por católicos," dijo Jackson. "Su objetivo es ayudar a mexicanos necesitados en ambos lados de la frontera." El mismo Jackson ha viajado mas de 30,000 millas en el último año y medio recogiendo donativos y haciendo entregas en Tijuana cada semana.

EXPLICO JACKSON que cuando empezó el programa de MANO en Old Town su fin era ayudar a familias pobres en el area inmediata donde la mayoría de los residentes eran de ascendencia mexicana.

Hoy la organización está muy dedicada a dar asistencia a familias de Tijuana que perdieron sus hogares en las inundaciones de enero y fueron colocadas temporalmente en tiendas de campaña.

"Hay como 1,500 familias allí que necesitan asistencia. Necesitamos medicinas y vitaminas, dijo Jackson.

"LOS NIÑOS necesitan zapatos. La gente nos regala muchos zapatos para grandes, pero necesitamos zapatos para niños. Los parroquianos del Santísimo Sacramento han sido especialmente responsivos en ayudar a esta gente," dijo Jackson.

En las últimas seis semanas, voluntarios de MANO han entregado más de una tonelada de comida empacada, 50 galones de agua y dos toneladas de ropa. Además, han mandado más de mil docenas de huevos, dos toneladas de frijol y dos toneladas de arroz.

HACE DOS AÑOS que MANO ha estado trabajando con la comunidad del Ejido Tampico. Las familias de este ejido fueron traídas allí después que las lluvias les llevaron sus casas.

Las condiciones de su alojamiento y sus servicios sanitarios, así como sus alimentos, contribuyeron a una variedad de problemas para estas familias. Voluntarios de MANO proporcionaron ropa, medicina, alimentos, ropa de cama y utensilios de cocina.

Desde entonces, el Ejido Tampico estableció una comunidad cristiana y están construyendo una iglesia. La comunidad es ahora conocida como Colonia Nueva y se encuentra al este del aeropuerto de Tijuana.

"EL GRUPO ORIGINAL ahora tienen casas. Algunas familias tienen electricidad y agua. Gran parte de los niños van a la escuela," dijo Jackson.

Ahora hay otro grupo de familias dislocadas por las lluvias y Jackson prevee muchos viajes a Tijuana a darles ayuda.

"Yo hago tres viajes por semana con ropa y comida. Además, ando por todo San Diego recogiendo donativos para la gente," dijo. Algunos donativos han sido en forma de lavadoras de ropa y estufas, pero dijo Jackson que estos artículos son difíciles de entregar porque se necesita un camión.

"TENIAMOS CUATRO camas que no pudimos llevar por un mes. Simplemente no caben en mi camioneta. Necesitamos encontrar a alguien con un camión que pudiera hacer viajes ocasionalmente a Tijuana cuando tenemos donativos de este tipo.

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Difícil lucha de hispanos expuesta ante obispos

CHICAGO (NC)—Aunque los católicos hispanos han logrado bastante en los últimos diez años, aún se enfrentan con una lucha cuesta arriba en sus esfuerzos por ser enteramente aceptados dentro de la iglesia, se les informó a los obispos de Estados Unidos recientemente.

Los obispos dedicaron una tarde entera de su asamblea general de tres días en Chicago para discutir los intereses hispanos.

APRENDIERON hasta donde han llegado las otras denominaciones en su esfuerzo por satisfacer las necesidades religiosas de la población hispana; se les dijo de la riqueza cultural que los hispanos pueden contribuír a la iglesia, y se discutieron problemas que afrontan sus diócesis para llegar a los hispanos.

"Hay cierta tendencia por ver al hispano como un problema inevitable dentro de la iglesia y la sociedad," dijo el Padre Virgilio Elizondo de San Antonio, Texas, en un discurso a los obispos.

EL PADRE Elizondo, director del Centro Cultural en San Antonio, que entre otras cosas entrena a sacerdotes no-hispanos a ministrar a católicos hispanos, llamó a los obispos a efectuar "un cambio fundamental de actitud" hacia los hispanos.

Si la iglesia aceptara enteramente a sus miembros hispanos, dijo el Padre Elizondo, "pronto descubrirían que la fé para nosotros no es únicamente una formula abstracta o solamente asunto de los domingos, sino una realidad fundamental viva en nuestras vidas."

El Padre Frank Ponce, asociado al director del Secretariado para Hispanos de la Conferencia Nacional, también se dirigió a los obispos haciéndoles notar el número de iglesias no-católicas que han atraído a los hispanos por la ausencia de programas de la iglesia católica.

EL PADRE Ponce citó varios ejemplos donde las denominaciones protestantes han incrementado sus esfuerzos hacia los hispanos, notando que la convención de bautistas del sur, basado en Atlanta, aumenta 150 iglesias al año a las 1,500 iglesias hispanas ya existentes.

"Talvez tantos como cinco millones de hispanos han ingresado a sectas evangelicales," dijo el Padre Ponce. "Estudio intensivo de la Biblia, cantos festivos, el uso de la lengua y las tradiciones culturales hispanas, así como sus proprios ministros hispanos y actividades para la persona y para las familias, son sus atractivos."

Después, durante una sesión de preguntas con los 250 obispos reunidos para la Asamblea, el Padre Ponce dijo que aunque muchos hispanos participan en programas ofrecidos por iglesias protestantes, su lealtad a su fé católica permanece fuerte.

ESTO A veces produce situaciones de "doble afiliación"—continuada asistencia a la Santa Misa y a la vez participación en programas protestantes para hispanos, tales como las clases de estudio bíblico en español.

Cuando se hizo la pregunta si los hispanos estaban tratando de traer con ellos a sus propios sacerdotes y religiosas de sus países natales, tal como los emigrantes de Europa lo hicieron anteriormente, el Arzobispo Patricio F. Flores de San Antonio dijo que se está platicando con los obispos de México para determinar si pueden mandar sacerdotes a Estados Unidos.

El Arzobispo Flores, uno de dos arzobispos hispanos en Estados Unidos, dijo que a México no le sobran sacerdotes tampoco y que un esfuerzo debe hacerse en Estados Unidos por fomentar vocaciones hispanas.

Otros asuntos discutidos durante la sesión fueron los problemas enfrentados por seminaristas que asisten a la escuela donde el 90 por ciento del alumnado es no-hispano, el que los hispanos califican a todos aquellos que no son hispanos como "anglos," y los niños hispanos que no aprenden el español de sus padres y por tal motivo pierden una porción de su herencia hispana.

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Father Marti Zuber

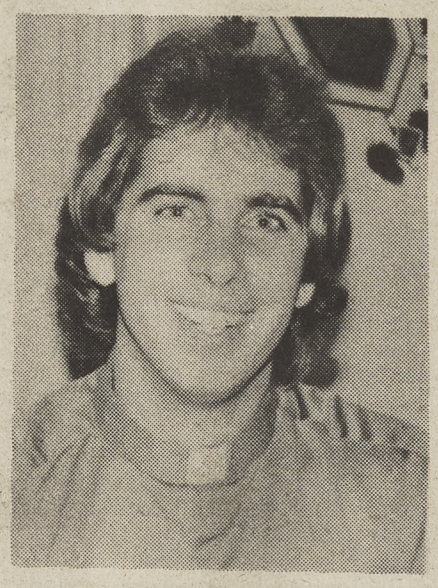
By Joe Michael Feist

Clowning around for the cause of Christ

EDINBURG, Tex. (NC)—Take one priest intent on spreading the Gospel, add some heavy make-up, an orange wig and a baggy costume. Mix well. In an instant you have Zubo, the Clown Priest of the Rio Grande Valley.

Zubo, also known as Father Marti Zuber, assistant pastor of St. Joseph parish in Edinburg, preaches and teaches using the techniques and image of a clown. He is one of the handful of priests in the country engaged in this type of ministry.

THE 30-YEAR-OLD Father Zuber became involved in clown ministry about three years ago. "I had an old man's mask and I noticed the difference it brought about in people, how they relate to me differently. At the same time the mask was a bit threatening. So I wanted a different character and usually a clown is a gentle individual, an individual you can trust."



Father Zuber

At first, Zubo visited hospitals and schools. But, Father Zuber said, "I was still lacking the ability to bring across the Gospel message. So I went to a couple of clown ministry seminars and learned about mime, dance and clowning techniques."

Father Zuber now does clown ministry during retreats and on special occasions like the beginning of Lent or Advent.

HE BEGINS the service by appearing at the altar in priestly vestments, then allows the congregation to watch as he puts on his make-up and costume. Making extensive use of props and visual gags, Father Zuber then preaches without speaking.

"So often we use words to proclaim the Gospel," he said. "But we don't always need words. When I speak what I say is automatically defined by what you hear. When I don't speak but simply act, there's a lot more interpretation and I don't think as much confusion."

Father Zuber said he believes that his clown ministry and his priestly ministry are not separate and distinct, but that one flows from the other.

"I DON'T MEAN to say that all priests are clowns," he explained. "I do mean to say that clowning in the church context and being priestly in the church context are at times similar. What I do as a clown is preach non-verbally. That's exactly what we do when we come for the celebration of the Eucharist."



CLOWN PRIEST—Father Marti Zuber of St. Joseph parish, Edinburg, Texas, might be a typical young parish priest until he dons his whiteface and becomes "Zubo the Clown." He uses the techniques and image of a clown to teach and preach to a group of Catholic school students in Edinburg. He also does clown ministry at retreats. (NC)

One of the most positive aspects of clown ministry, Father Zuber said, is its newness. "There is within the Gospel always a newness, a freshness. I'm hoping that this new way of preaching brings a new life which we are all striving for."

Although no one has objected to his clowning, Father Zuber is aware that not everyone will welcome his ministry.

"THERE IS THE possibility of people being turned off by clowning," he said. "I have never and will never bring any type of scandal at all to the church. Then it wouldn't be ministry."

Father Zuber said he believes clowning may lead to a new understanding of worship. "We're on the threshold," he said, "of recognizing humor as praise."

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Catholic TV station, network planned

WOODBURY, N.Y. (NC)-A Long Island car leasing company owner, Michael Pascucci, 43, is spearheading construction of a Catholic-sponsored non-profit UHF television station, Channel 55, in Riverhead, N.Y.

He envisions it as the first outlet in a national Life Broadcasting Network featuring "Christian programs as an alternative to TV sex and violence."

"WE APPLIED for and got from the FCC a TV license for a station that would reach three million people," said Pascucci, who has put thousands of dollars into the project. "I decided that the church needs a delivery system for TV programs. We are never going to get prime time on the existing big networks."

The project has the approval of Bishop John R. McGann of Rockville Centre, N.Y., which operates its own cable TV network.

According to Father Thomas J. Hartman, diocesan director of radio and television, construction of the facility is expected to start this summer and the first programs will be shown in about a year.

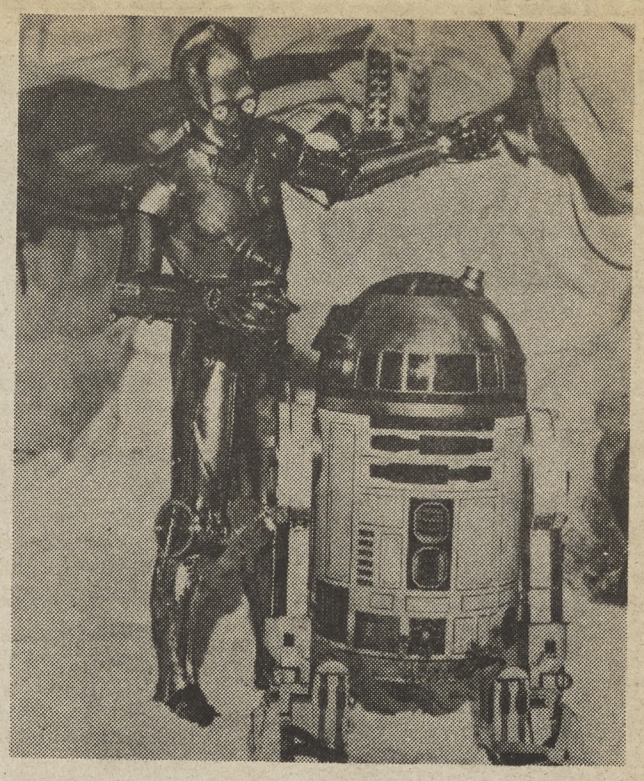
IT WOULD be the first exclusively Catholic station among some 25 Christian TV stations and programs currently operating in the United States.

"Catholics are almost last in the media at present," Father Hartman said, citing the success of fundamentalists' efforts such as the PTL center network in Norfolk, Va., founded by Pat Robertson, an evangelist.

According to a pamphlet about Channel 55, the station will highlight evangelization, counseling, a prayer line, scriptural discussions, daily religious news programs, Christian documentaries, and programs of different denominations. Forty-two percent of its programs would be exclusively religious.

THE NETWORK has already entered applications for permits to broadcast on two available channels in the New York-New Jersey area, and may also compete for a channel in San Francisco, Father Hartman said.

Pascucci, a parishioner of St. Dominic's Church, Oyster Bay, N.Y., said that as much as 40 percent of funds which go to existing Christian programs and evangelists come from Catholics.



'STAR WARS' SEQUEL—The popular robots from "Star Wars," See-Threepio and Artoo-Detoo, wander through an ice cave complex in a scene from the sequel "The Empire Strikes Back." The U.S. Catholic Conference's Office for Film and Broadcasting rates the movie for adults and adolescents, saying that "the violence, though restrained, and the intensity of the action would rule out younger viewers." (NC photo)

Book Review

By Nancy Brown

'Aborting America'

ABORTING AMERICA by Bernard N. Nathenson, MD. Doubleday and Co., Inc., Garden City, N.Y. 1979. $10.

Dr. Nathenson, a board certified OB-GYN, was the founder of the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (later called the National Abortion Rights Action League—NARAL) and the director of the world's largest abortion clinic.

In an article entitled "Deeper into Abortion," he startled the pro-abortion and pro-life forces alike by expressing his concern that he was responsible for over 60,000 deaths. His recent work, "Aborting America," documents his evolution revolution and his gradual personal awareness of the "patient within"—the human fetus.

Dr. Nathenson will hold the interest of readers regardless of their knowledge and position concerning abortion. Stylistically the book is easy to read and requires no background in medicine or philosophy.

For those readers who still wonder how abortion was able to reach the point of acceptance and respectability, the book will have special interest.

The reader will be fascinated to learn how the Catholic Church, totally against her will, became the catalyst which allowed legalized abortion—"Historically ... every revolution has to have its villain." For the promoters of that revolution the villain was the Catholic hierarchy.

Even though Dr. Nathenson now believes every abortion takes a human life, he still insists on its legality. Due to this position he is surprisingly neutral in his presentation. Such neutrality can benefit the pro-life forces if they can learn from Dr. Nathenson's experiences.

(Nancy Brown is director of the San Diego diocesan Responsible Parenthood program which offers counseling, education and training in natural family planning.)

Diocese joins in presenting TV show

SAN DIEGO—The San Diego diocese has joined with several church groups in televising a special program about the Christian response to materialistic values.

"Enough or Too Much" will be the subject of the "We're Number One" show to be televised at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, over station KGTV, Channel 10.

The program, which will feature Steve Allen, Louis Nye and Tom Poston, will explore U.S. society's preoccupation with material affluence and whether the current abundant American life-style is fair to the rest of the world's population.

The American Lutheran Church is sponsoring the program. Cooperating in its presentation, besides the diocese, are the San Diego County Ecumenical Conferences and the Lutheran churches of San Diego.

For additional information call Pastor Russ Mueller at 464-4211.